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Title :Need to review the decision to repatriate two thousand Group 'A' officers to DOT.

SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR (BAREILLY): The Government has decided to repatriate around 2,000 Group 'A' officers to DOT where there is no work for them to perform and they are to be paid fully pay and allowances out of the Consolidated Fund of India constituted mainly from the tax payer's money. The implication of repatriating these officers has not been evaluated properly. The withdrawal of such a large contingent of highly trained technical officers (at the Government expenses) in one stroke has paralyzed the services of the two major companies of the Government engaged in the public utility services. It is just like disconnecting the lifeline of the country whether it is trade or social utilities. There is hardly any sector of life in the country which has not been adversely affected. If we draw a balance sheet on the debit side of this action on the part of the Government, we have the infructuous expenditure on the salary of these 2,000 officers and near total paralysis of the services of the two companies namely, MTNL and BSNL affecting both present and future. Whereas on credit side there is no entry at all which could be credited. There was no situation warranting such a decision which can be conveniently deferred for a future date when the situation is ripe for appropriately giving pay or pension and to take work from the officers.

MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI : It is a very serious matter. The Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs may please make a note. This is creating total disruption in the telecommunication service. ...... This is the most illogical decision. It does not make any sense. There is total chaos at the ground level.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Samik Lahiri − Not present.